Circular Rail in Ahmedabad

@1730. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for a circular Railway in Ahmedabad; if so, whether a project report has been submitted to the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether the Gujarat Government have also undertaken a survey of its techno-economic feasibility; if so, whether the project would be included in the Eight Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether the Railways have any alternate plans to ease traffic congestion in Ahmedabad; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) No, Sir.

(b) At the instance of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation/Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority, the Metropolitan Transport Projects (Rlys), Bombay got a techno-economic feasibility study carried out by Rail India Technical and Economic Services for the introduction of a mass rapid transit system for Greater Ahmedabad area. The report was submitted to the State Government in December, 1988. The inclusion of this project in the Eight Five Year Plan will depend upon the availability of resources, in the context of national and State level priorities. (c) No, Sir.

Import of seeds

1731. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seeds imported during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent on the import of seeds annually and the names of the countries from which seeds were being imported;

(c) the details of the amount spent during the last three years annually on Agricultural Research Institutions and Universities which are engaged in developing better quality of seeds in the country; and

(d) what is Government's policy to produce better quality seeds in the country and save foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) and (b) The details of seeds imported during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86, as available, are as under:

Qty. in Tonnes
Value in Lakh Rupees

1983-84		1984-85		1985-86		Source
Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	
303	21.82	64	28.42	33,172	30 16	Japan, U S.A., Nepal, Australia, Netherland, Singapore, Zimbabwe, Denmark. German F Republic, Italy, Thailand and Guinea.

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